

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1–27 are pending in the captioned application. In the previous Response mailed August 8, 2003, Applicants elected, with traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group III, namely claims 14–23; accordingly, all other claims stood provisionally withdrawn. However, Applicants maintained that the restriction is improper for the reasons set forth in that Response.

Further, in a response mailed February 2, 2005, Applicants responded to the Examiner's objection that "Applicants failed to elect a single species of subgroups 3 and 4..."

In response, Applicants elected, subject to the traversal set forth in the Response filed August 8, 2003, which was still maintained, to elect for subgroup 3, the set of libraries and proteins recited in claim 10, namely the set that comprises "60 libraries in three groups of 20 libraries with specified amino acids at the –1 and +3 and +6 positions respectively". Further, and subject to the same traversal, for subgroup 4, Applicants elected the species of proteins set forth in claim 12, namely protein has the sequence SEQ ID NO: 2.

In the communication mailed June 2, 2005, the Examiner states, "The reply dated 5/29/05 [sic.] is not fully responsive to the prior Office action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): Applicants did not indicate which of the claims are readable on the elected species ..."

In response, Applicants respectfully submit that all elected claims 14–23 read on the elected species.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's issuance of this communication and assert that the Response is now complete.

Applicants also note that the Examiner states, "The examiner also notes that the appropriate fees must be paid to extend the time period for response".

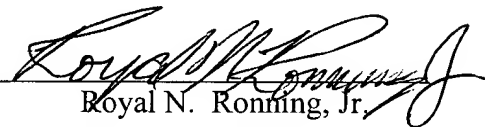
While Applicants assert that this response is timely, and believe that no fees are due and owing in connection with it, Applicants hereby authorize the Commissioner to charge Applicants' deposit account number 502-590 for any additional fees due.

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Early and favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,


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